

# PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA

## *Highlights*



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## Introduction

The first edition of the County Highlights was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These Highlights are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each Highlights includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst if you need further information about your area.



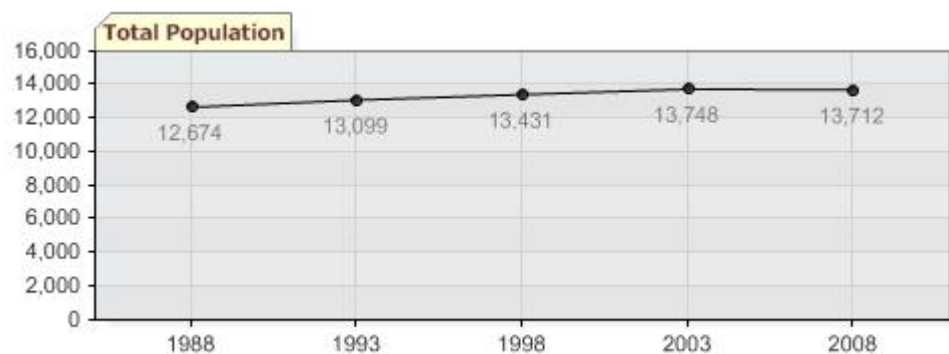
## Location

Pulaski County is located in Northwest Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by White and Cass Counties. The County is adjacent to Fulton County on the east, Starke County is to the north, and Jasper County to the west. Pulaski County is one of the seven counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 1.

## Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

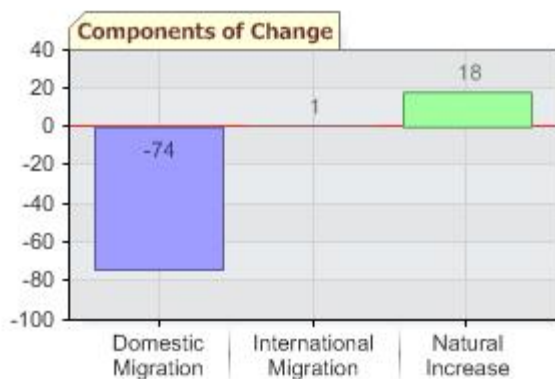
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	12,674	13,099	13,431	13,748	13,712
Change Since 1988		425	757	1,074	1,038
Pct. Change Since 1988		3.4%	6.0%	8.5%	8.2%



Source: US Census Bureau

### Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-74
International Migration	1
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	18
Births	173
Deaths	155



Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Age in 2007

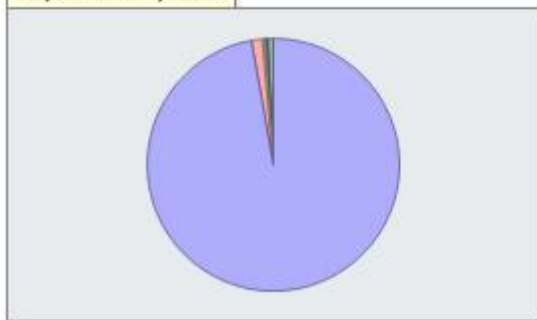
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	833	6.1%
School Age	2,448	17.8%
College Age	1,140	8.3%
Young Adult	3,592	26.1%
Older Adult	3,627	26.4%
Older (65 plus)	2,138	15.5%

Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	30	0.2%
Asian Alone	53	0.4%
Black Alone	192	1.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	6	0.0%
White Alone	13,392	97.3%
Two or More Race Groups	105	0.8%

Population by Race



97.33 %	White
1.40 %	Black
0.22 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.39 %	Asian
0.04 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.76 %	Two or More

## Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	13,527	98.3%
Hispanic or Latino	251	1.8%

Source: US Census Bureau

## Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
<b>Total Households</b>	5,170	100.0%
Family Households	3,780	73.1%
Married with Children	1,385	26.8%
Married without Children	1,790	34.6%
Single Parents	370	7.2%
Other	235	4.5%
Non-family Households	1,390	26.9%
Living Alone	1,213	23.5%
<b>Average Household Size</b>	2.66	
<b>Average Family Household Size</b>	3.63	

Source: US Census Bureau

## Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

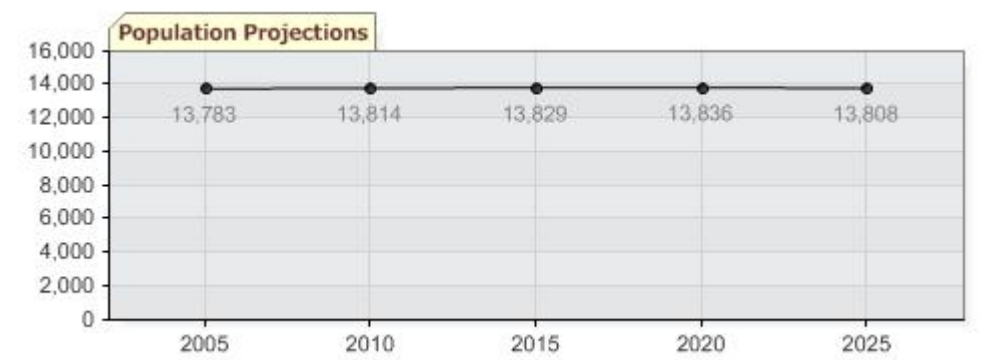
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	12,493	NA	NA
1960	12,837	344	2.8%
1970	12,534	-303	-2.4%
1980	13,258	724	5.8%
1990	12,780	-478	-3.6%
April 2000	13,755	975	7.6%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A

Population Counts and Current Year Estimate





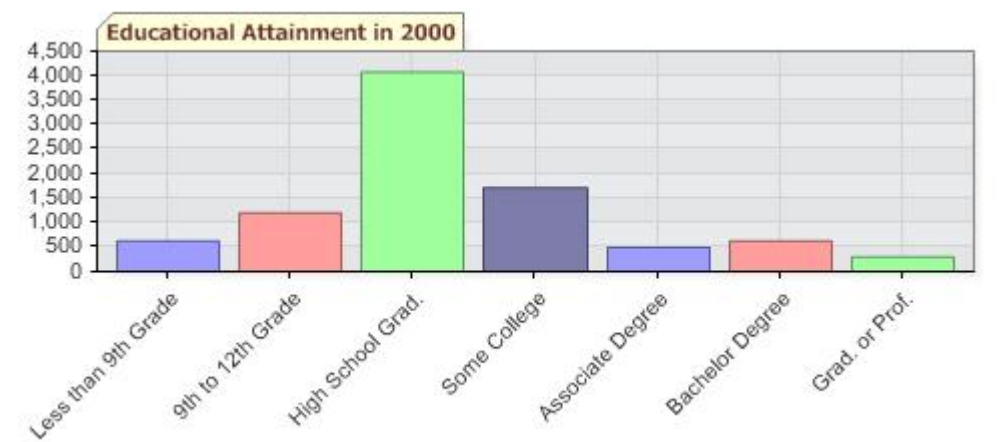
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	13,783	13,814	13,829	13,836	13,808
Change Since 2005		31	46	53	25
Pct. Change Since 2005		0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%



## Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

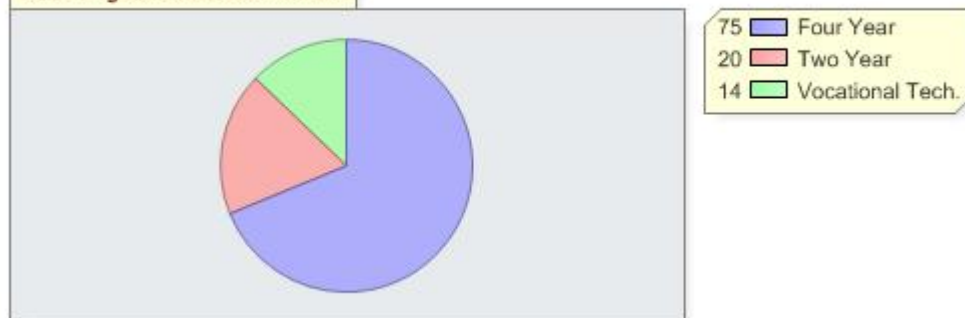
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	6,936	7,702	7,974	9,038
Less than 9th Grade	2,209	1,579	751	631
9th to 12th, No Diploma	1,259	1,259	1,490	1,198
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	2,539	3,449	3,591	4,073
Some College, No Degree			1,012	1,714
Associate Degree			418	495
Bachelors Degree			432	627
Graduate or Professional Degree			280	300



## High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total Graduates</b>	157	155	153	157
<b>Total to Higher Education</b>	126	122	112	109
<b>Four-Year Institution</b>	74	93	83	75
<b>Two-Year Institution</b>	37	23	18	20
<b>Vocational/Tech.</b>	15	6	11	14
<b>Military</b>	3	3	6	6

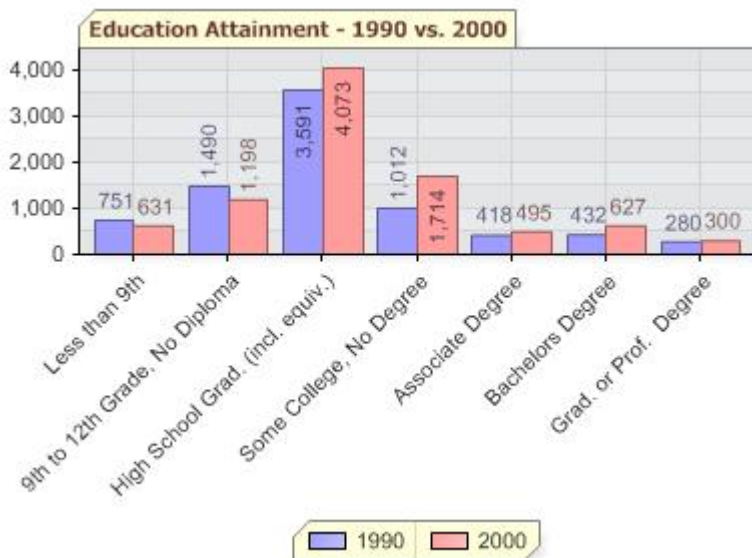
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

## Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
<b>Total Population 25+</b>	7,974	100.0%	9,038	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	751	9.4%	631	7.0%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	1,490	18.7%	1,198	13.3%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	3,591	45.0%	4,073	45.1%
Some College, No Degree	1,012	12.7%	1,714	19.0%
Associate Degree	418	5.2%	495	5.5%
Bachelors Degree	432	5.4%	627	6.9%
Graduate or Professional Degree	280	3.5%	300	3.3%

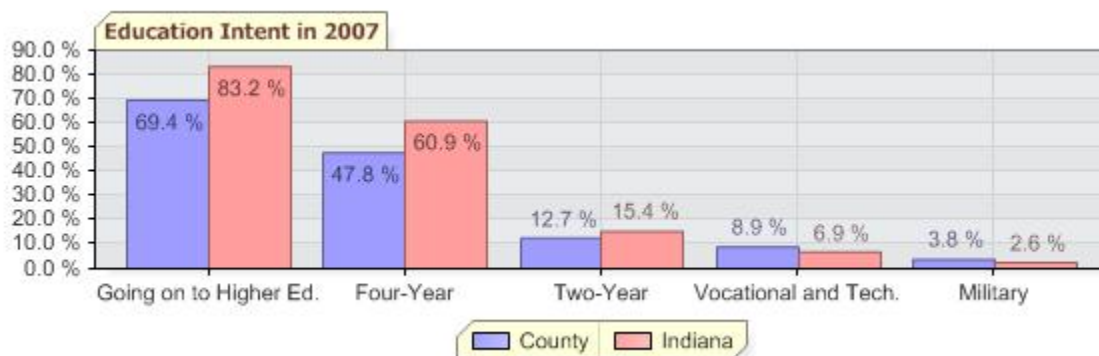


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

<b>Graduates</b>	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	69.4%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	47.8%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	12.7%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	8.9%	6.9%
Military	3.8%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

## Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

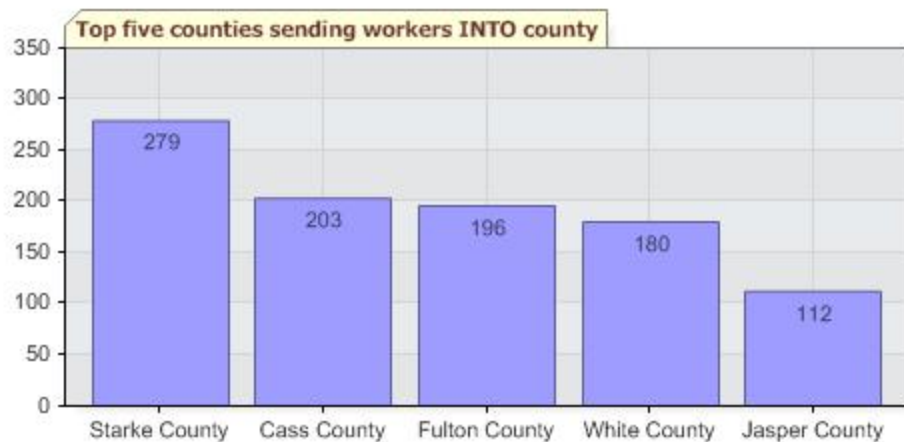
### Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	9,022
Number of tax filers who work in the county	8,156
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	6,976
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	1,180

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

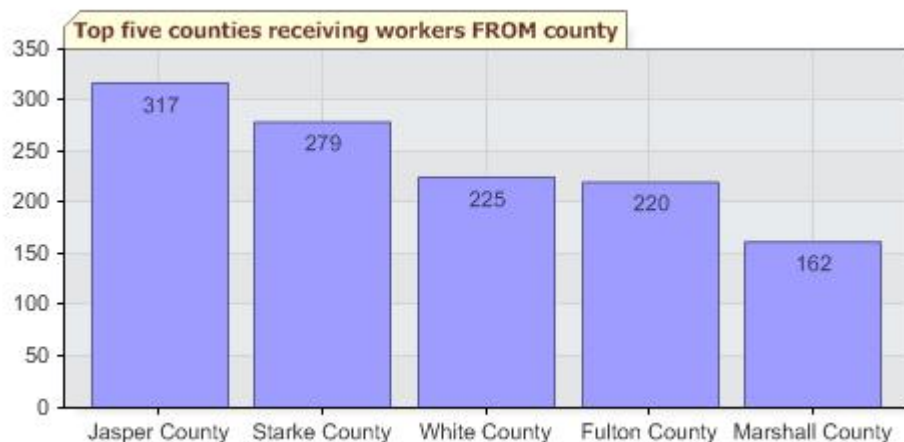
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Starke County	279	31.4%
Cass County	203	22.9%
Fulton County	196	22.1%
White County	180	20.3%
Jasper County	112	12.4%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Jasper County	317	26.4%
Starke County	279	23.2%
White County	225	18.7%
Fulton County	220	18.3%
Marshall County	162	13.5%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Travel To Work in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
<b>Total Workers Age 16 and Over</b>	6,175	100.0%
Travel To Work	5,831	94.4%
Car, Truck, or Van	5,644	91.4%
Traveled Alone	4,999	81.0%
Carpooled	645	10.4%
Used Public Transportation	21	0.3%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	166	2.7%
Worked At Home	344	5.6%
<b>Average Travel Time (Minutes)</b>	23.4	
<b>Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)</b>	43.6	

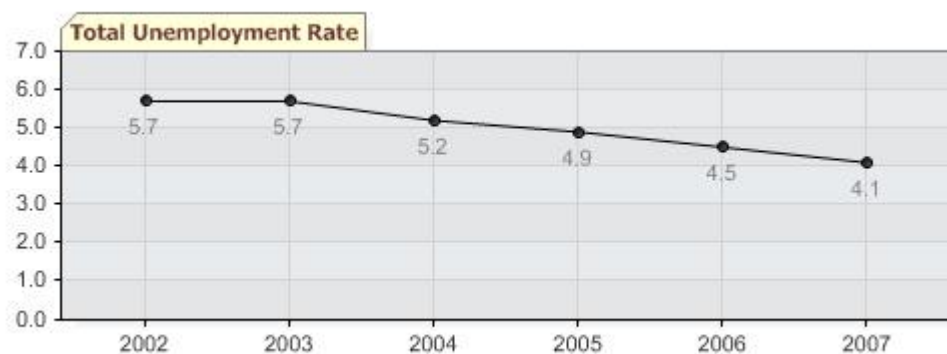


# Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

## Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

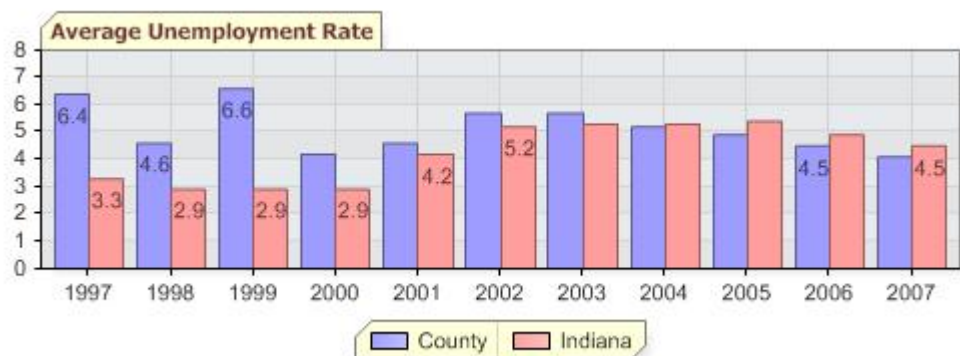
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
<b>Labor Force</b>	6,829	0.5%
<b>Employed</b>	6,546	0.6%
<b>Unemployed</b>	283	-1.4%
<b>Rate</b>	4.1	-2.4%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
<b>1997</b>	6,294	5,889	405	6.4	3.3
<b>1998</b>	6,235	5,946	289	4.6	2.9
<b>1999</b>	6,251	5,841	410	6.6	2.9
<b>2000</b>	6,792	6,505	287	4.2	2.9
<b>2001</b>	6,800	6,485	315	4.6	4.2
<b>2002</b>	6,810	6,420	390	5.7	5.2
<b>2003</b>	6,664	6,287	377	5.7	5.3
<b>2004</b>	6,793	6,439	354	5.2	5.3
<b>2005</b>	7,064	6,717	347	4.9	5.4
<b>2006</b>	6,865	6,554	311	4.5	4.9
<b>2007</b>	6,829	6,546	283	4.1	4.5



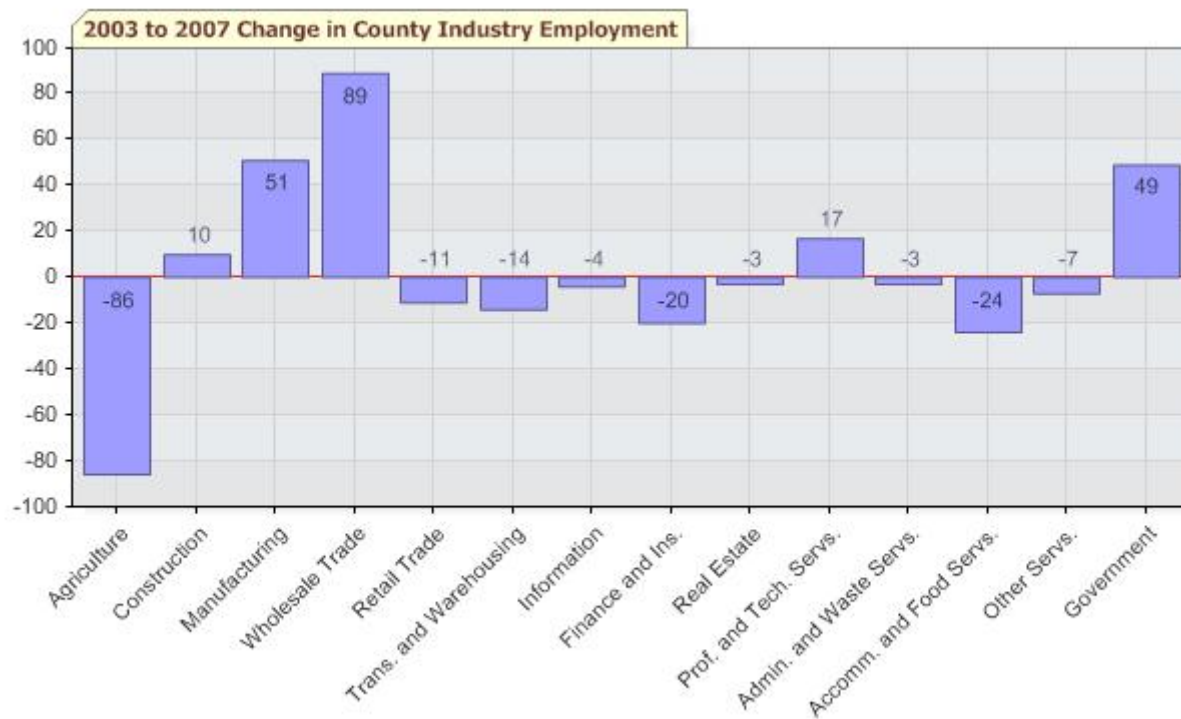
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

## Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
<b>Total Employment</b>	4,508	4,537	4,682	4,615	4,601	93	2.06%
<b>Total Private Employment</b>	3,451	3,440	3,572	3,510	3,495	44	1.27%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	329	220	219	228	243	-86	-26.14%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	95	89	83	87	105	10	10.53%
Manufacturing	1,233	1,281	1,387	1,379	1,284	51	4.14%
Wholesale Trade	272	318	342	336	361	89	32.72%
Retail Trade	421	422	439	419	410	-11	-2.61%
Transport. and Warehousing	70	80	68	63	56	-14	-20.00%
Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Information	38	39	39	34	34	-4	-10.53%
Finance and Insurance	168	168	156	139	148	-20	-11.90%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	22	24	29	24	19	-3	-13.64%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	49	59	62	61	66	17	34.69%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	20	21	13	13	17	-3	-15.00%
Educational Services	D	D	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	357	362	362	368	396	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	D	D	D	29	31	N/A	N/A
Accommodation and Food Service	168	179	172	160	144	-24	-14.29%
Other Services	113	89	93	88	106	-7	-6.19%
<b>Federal, State, &amp; Local Govt.</b>	1,057	1,097	1,110	1,105	1,106	49	4.64%

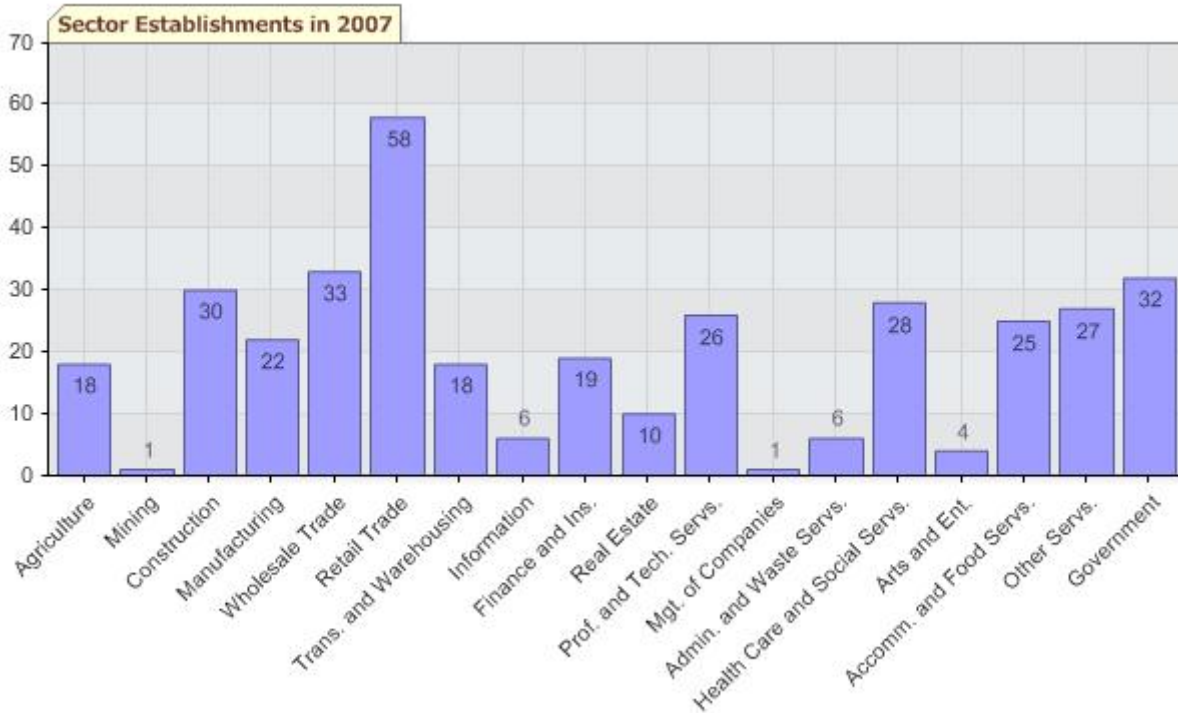


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## Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
<b>Total Establishments</b>	350	359	354	361	366	16	4.57%
<b>Total Private Establishments</b>	325	333	327	332	334	9	2.77%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	19	16	16	17	18	-1	-5.26%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	30	28	27	28	30	0	0.00%
Manufacturing	21	22	22	23	22	1	4.76%
Wholesale Trade	27	32	32	33	33	6	22.22%
Retail Trade	59	62	62	60	58	-1	-1.69%
Transport. and Warehousing	19	19	17	17	18	-1	-5.26%
Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Information	6	6	6	6	6	0	0.00%
Finance and Insurance	19	21	19	20	19	0	0.00%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	10	10	10	11	10	0	0.00%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	20	22	24	26	26	6	30.00%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	6	5	6	6	6	0	0.00%
Educational Services	D	D	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	28	29	28	27	28	0	0.00%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	D	D	D	3	4	N/A	N/A
Accommodation and Food Service	23	24	24	25	25	2	8.70%
Other Services	31	30	29	28	27	-4	-12.90%
<b>Federal, State, &amp; Local Govt.</b>	25	26	27	29	32	7	28.00%



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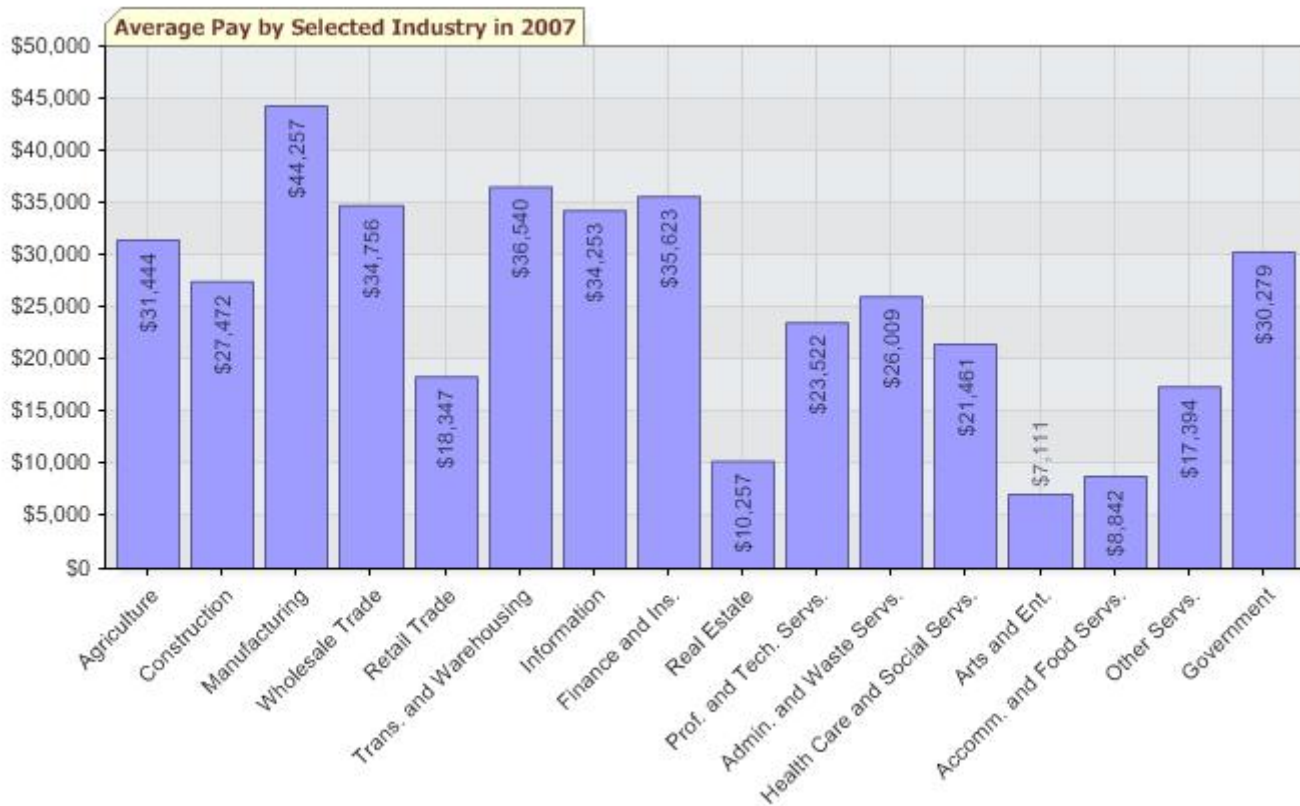
## Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

### Average Annual Earnings by Industry

Change	% Change	Indiana	% of
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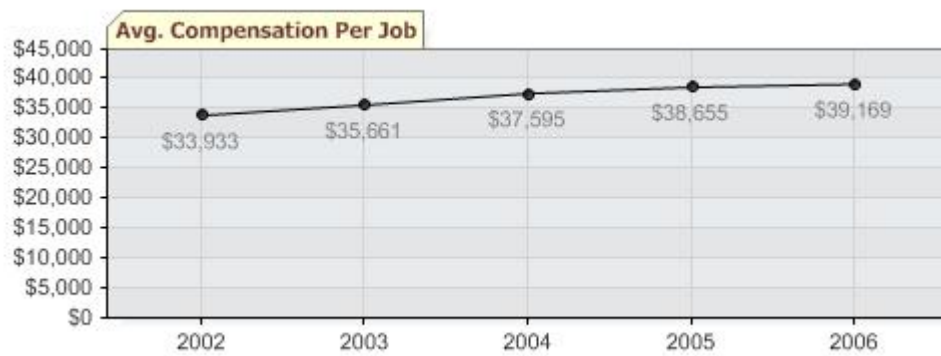
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$29,011	\$32,060	\$3,049	10.5%	\$37,530	85.4%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$25,303	\$31,444	\$6,141	24.3%	\$28,008	112.3%
Mining	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$23,878	\$27,472	\$3,594	15.1%	\$44,754	61.4%
Manufacturing	\$42,179	\$44,257	\$2,077	4.9%	\$51,148	86.5%
Wholesale Trade	\$29,787	\$34,756	\$4,970	16.7%	\$51,432	67.6%
Retail Trade	\$17,836	\$18,347	\$511	2.9%	\$22,581	81.2%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$32,936	\$36,540	\$3,604	10.9%	\$38,012	96.1%
Utilities	0	0	N/A	N/A	\$68,267	N/A
Information	\$29,955	\$34,253	\$4,297	14.3%	\$46,311	74.0%
Finance & Insurance	\$28,155	\$35,623	\$7,469	26.5%	\$52,649	67.7%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$15,142	\$10,257	-\$4,886	-32.3%	\$32,614	31.4%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$18,044	\$23,522	\$5,478	30.4%	\$51,451	45.7%
Mgt.of Companies	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$72,682	N/A
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$17,070	\$26,009	\$8,939	52.4%	\$24,934	104.3%
Education Svcs.	D	0	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	N/A
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$20,523	\$21,461	\$939	4.6%	\$37,706	56.9%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	D	\$7,111	N/A	N/A	\$29,251	24.3%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$7,852	\$8,842	\$991	12.6%	\$12,442	71.1%
Other Svcs.	\$19,892	\$17,394	-\$2,498	-12.6%	\$24,862	70.0%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$27,228	\$30,279	\$3,051	11.2%	\$37,054	81.7%



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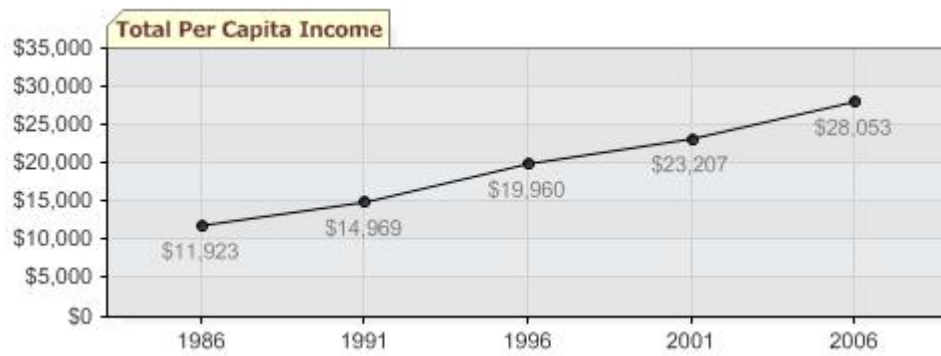
### Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Avg. Compensation per Job</b>	\$33,933	\$35,661	\$37,595	\$38,655	\$39,169
<b>Change Since 2002</b>		\$1,728	\$3,662	\$4,722	\$5,236
<b>Pct. Change Since 2002</b>		5.1%	10.8%	13.9%	15.4%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time					
	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$11,923	\$14,969	\$19,960	\$23,207	\$28,053
Change Since 1986		\$3,046	\$8,037	\$11,284	\$16,130
Pct. Change Since 1986		25.5%	67.4%	94.6%	135.3%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage	
	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$32,061
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	39.0%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Firms and Employment by Size

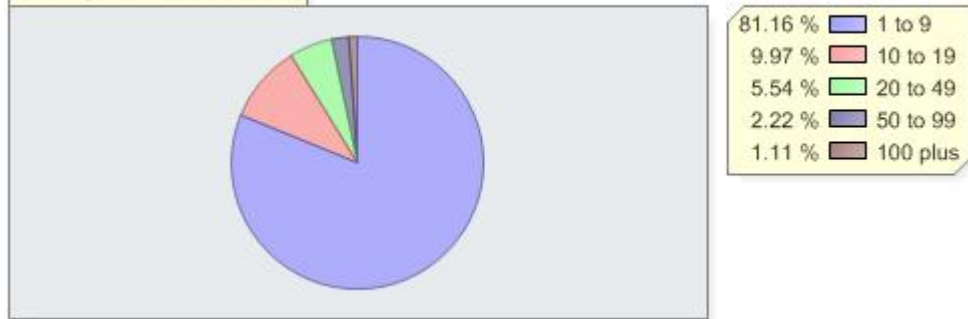
Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

County Business Patterns, 2006				
	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	293	17	6.2%	81.2%
10-19 employees	36	-2	-5.3%	10.0%
20-49 employees	20	-4	-16.7%	5.5%



50-99 employees	8	-1	-11.1%	2.2%
100 plus employees	4	1	33.3%	1.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

County Business Patterns

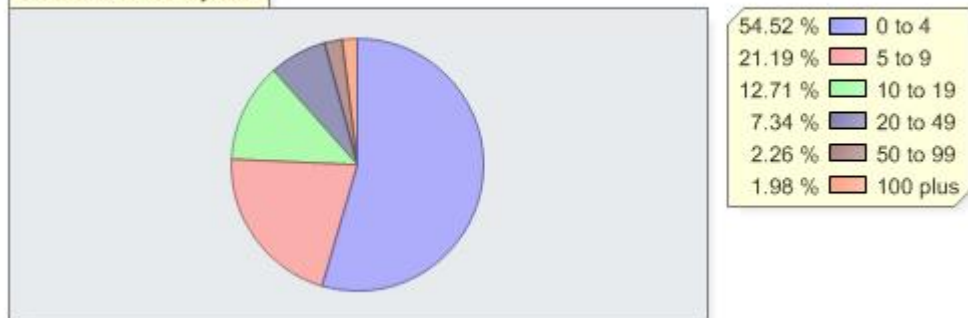


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	193	54.5%
5 to 9 employees	75	21.2%
10 to 19 employees	45	12.7%
20 to 49 employees	26	7.3%
50 to 99 employees	8	2.3%
100 plus employees	7	2.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

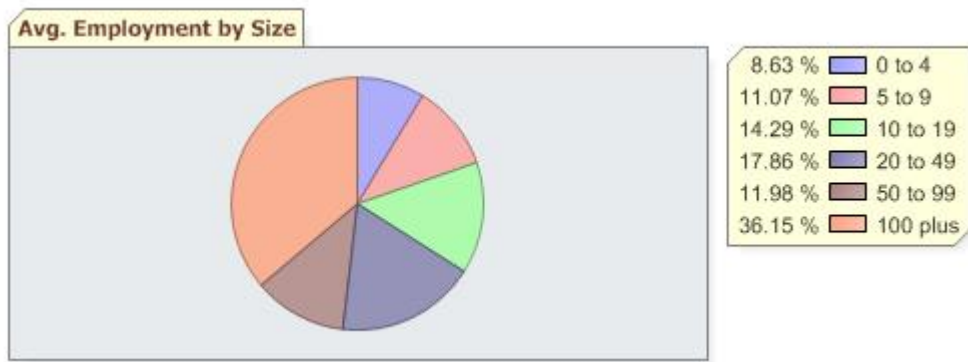
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

### Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	386	8.6%
5 to 9 employees	495	11.1%
10 to 19 employees	639	14.3%
20 to 49 employees	799	17.9%
50 to 99 employees	536	12.0%
100 plus employees	1,617	36.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,473</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.